

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: July 1, 2010
POSITION: Neutral
SPONSOR: California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation

BILL NUMBER: AB 2515
AUTHOR: M. Perez
RELATED BILLS: AB 1540

BILL SUMMARY: Public Water Systems: Point-of-Use Treatment

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to develop emergency regulations governing the permitted use of point-of-use treatment by public water systems in lieu of centralized treatment, as specified, and would require that these emergency regulations remain in effect until the earlier of January 1, 2014 or the effective date of the required non-emergency regulations. The provisions of this bill would take effect immediately as an urgency bill.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The DPH estimates that costs associated with this bill would be minor and absorbable as the DPH is currently working on the non-emergency regulations.

COMMENTS

Finance is neutral on this bill because there are no additional costs to the state and it would allow public water systems to use point-of-use water treatment solutions in a timely manner, thereby providing safe drinking water to communities.

Finance notes this is an interim solution and not a substitute for the permanent regulations or the more effective centralized water treatment solution. The DPH is currently working on permanent regulations which may not be operative for several years. Under current law, emergency regulations are effective for 180 days and may be readopted for 90 days but are limited to two readoptions. This bill would extend the operative period of the emergency regulations permitting point-of-use water treatment solutions.

The author's office has indicated additional amendments are under consideration.

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Code/Department		LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
Agency or Revenue		CO	PROP							Fund
Type		RV	98	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	Code
4265/PublicHealth		LA	No	----- No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----						0629
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>									
0629	Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fd									

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